

MINUTES OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Richard Prentice.

Present were Phil Cashman, Richard Prentice, John Winiarski, Bruce Graver and John Lepper, Tree Warden. Absent was Mark Alpert.

ITEM 1 - Public Comments - None

ITEM 2 - Removals

- A. 411 Hartford Avenue - Commissioners discussed condition of tree which was considered, by outward appearance, to be in good shape except for a hole at the base. At the suggestion of Commissioner Graver it was decided to look into having a Resistograph test done. He will make inquiries.
- B. Tree Warden reported condemning seven (7) trees at end of Robbins Drive and three (3) trees in rear of town hall parking lot.

ITEM 3 - Minutes

- A. Under "Communications", Paragraph "B", second line, capitalize White. [Minutes](#) approved with correction.

ITEM 4 - Communications

- A. Newell Stamm, Stamm Construction, requested permission to remove trees for MDC sewer project, Robbins Drive.
- B. Carol Hughes, volunteer with Nature Center, looking for tree slices for an educational display.
- C. Sean McGrath, 57 Barstow Dr., inquired as to why trees on Robbins Drive had been posted for removal.
- D. C.E. Janeczek, 135 Robbins Drive, asked to have Town tree affecting his property be pruned.

ITEM 5 - Tree Warden's Report

- A. Worked with Stamm Construction on Robbins Drive Sewer Project.
- B. Condemned dead trees in back of town hall parking lot and worked with Don Oliver, Engineering, to verify property line to facilitate brush clearing and tree pruning.
- C. Met with Principle of Highcrest School and Park and Recreation officials to review site for a memorial outdoor classroom.
- D. Followed up on Robbins Drive resident's request for tree to be pruned.
- E. Completed a questionnaire for Connecticut DEP.
- F. Met with Silas Deane Planning Committee.
- G. Toured Charles Wright School project site with Marguerite Alpert, Kathy Bagley and Robert Bauer.

ITEM 6 - Old Business

- A. Spring Planting Update - no new additions to original order.
- B. Charles Wright School Arbor Day Program - no action required by Commission at this time.
- C. Highcrest School Memorial Planting Project is going to be deferred until Fall so as not to be impacted by re-roofing project at school.

ITEM 7 - New Business - None

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Lepper, CTW
Tree Warden/Secretary Pro-Tem